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## GERMANS MAINTAIN OFFENSIVE TACTICS

With the Object of Penetrating the Lines of the Allies in Flanders and France

### FRENCH CLAIM PROGRESS IN VOSGES DISTRICT

Russians are Continuing Their Operations in Prussia—Struggle Between the Germanic Allies and the Muscovites for Supremacy in the Carpathian Passes is Still Going on—Paris Claims a German Submarine Made an Attempt to Sink the British Hospital Ship Asturias—Bombs Have Been Dropped on the Famous Homburg Castle in Alsace, Where German Staff Officers Were Housed—20,000 Italians are Being Concentrated at Bari, on the Adriatic, for the Occupation of Durazzo, Albania.

At various points on the battle front in Flanders and France the Germans again have started offensive movements, with the object of capturing positions held by the allies or penetrating their lines. In most of these attempts, Paris says, the Germans have been held and that to the north of Chalon and in the Vosges near Burnhaupt Lebas progress has been made by the French forces.

Of the fighting in the other zones little is known, except that the Russians are being concentrated in Prussia, that the Germans and Austrians are in combat with the Russians in the Carpathian passes is still going on. Austria claims that they have been successful in the middle section of the latter front.

Paris declares that a German submarine northeast of the Havre light-ship made an attempt to sink the British hospital ship Asturias.

A news agency dispatch says 20,000 Italians are being concentrated at Bari, on the Adriatic, for the occupation of Durazzo, Albania. As reports from London assert the Italian navy is being concentrated at the port.

Bombs have been dropped by French planes on the famous Homburg castle in Alsace, where German staff officers were residing. The building was burned.

A Berlin newspaper statistician reports that as a result of Germany's regulation of bread and flour, less than four million tons of rye and wheat will be required in the country to the middle of August, while from last year's harvest at the beginning of the war there were 12,000,000 tons of these grains, not including that left over from the 1913 harvest.

As a result of Germany's confiscation of grain and flour to conserve the nation's food supply, the British navy has been ordered to treat cargoes of grain and flour destined for Germany and Austria as contraband.

The German ambassador at London has not informed the state department at Washington.

### GERMANS ARE MAKING EFFORTS TO BREAK DEADLOCK

Which Exists on Both the Eastern and Western Fronts.

London, Feb. 2, 10:45 p. m.—During the last few days the Germans have been making desperate efforts to break the deadlock which existed for so long on both the eastern and western fronts.

"They have delivered a series of attacks, always preceded by artillery activity and the allied lines in Flanders and France, and while in almost every case they have thus won a preliminary advantage, before the British and French concluded the French, British or Belgians have been able to regain the trenches temporarily lost and in some cases to occupy the German positions.

In these attacks, according to the reports of the British and French general staffs, the Germans have suffered severe losses.

The German artillery has been subjected to a severe bombardment, which suggests that the moment has arrived for another effort to get across the Yser and thence to the French coast ports.

More serious attacks, however, have been made against the Russian lines in central Poland. Faced by tanking movements, both north and south, Field Marshal von Hindenburg made a desperate effort which apparently is to be renewed, to break through to Warsaw and thus not only gain a great military and political advantage for Germany, but at the same time release the pressure on Hungary and East Prussia, in each of which regions the Russian troops are slowly pushing forward.

### FRENCH DROPPED BOMBS ON HOMBURG CASTLE

Where a Group of Important German Staff Officers Was Residing.

Berne, Switzerland, Feb. 2, via Paris, 1:35 p. m.—French aviators today dropped bombs on the famous Homburg castle in Alsace, where a group of important German staff officers was residing. The building was set on fire and burned to the ground.

After encircling the castle, the aviators suddenly dropped several bombs. Some of the missiles took effect, causing heavy destruction. Fire broke out in the large castle and spread to a number of farm buildings adjoining it. Nothing was left but a smoking heap of ruins.

Homburg castle, as the summer residence of the French Countess Mar-

ancient furniture. The damage is estimated at several million francs.

### BRITISH PARLIAMENT HAS REASSEMBLED

Session to Deal Chiefly with Financial Questions Raised by War.

London, Feb. 2, 3:02 p. m.—Parliament reassembled today, after a recess for the house of commons, since Nov. 27, and for the house of lords since Jan. 8. The members dispersed with various matters, chiefly financial, which have arisen as a result of the war. The political truce under which controversial measures are shelved has reduced interest in the proceedings.

The house of commons had an empty appearance. Some 200 of the 670 members are now at the front.

Replying to a question put by George Nicoll Barnes, labor member for Glasgow, whether the government was considering the matter of fixing food prices, Premier Asquith said:

"The committee now having the matter in hand, the premier continued, was receiving full information from the various departments of the government, but he could not say when the inquiry would be concluded. The government, however, was fully alive to the urgency of the subject, and he told the house that it certainly would have an opportunity of discussing the whole question."

### A THIRD INVASION OF SERBIAN TERRITORY.

Austro-German Troops Concentrated Along the Danube River.

Paris, Feb. 2, 5:40 p. m.—A dispatch from Nish, Serbia, to the Balkan News agency says:

"Confirmation has been received of the report that it is the intention of a great Austro-German army under command of Archduke Eugene of Austria to attempt a third invasion of Serbian territory. These troops have been actually concentrated along the Danube, extending from Tekia to Schiska on the Danube river."

Schiska is the junction point of the Hungarian, Rumanian and Serbian frontiers. The attack has been delayed by the rising of the Danube and the Serbian general staff is fully confident that the issue will be favorably decided and that the troops, both morally and materially, "are declared to be in excellent condition."

### German Cruiser Seriously Damaged.

London, Feb. 2, 4:40 a. m.—The Rotterdam correspondent of the Times says he has received indisputable accurate information that the German cruiser Seydlitz was very seriously damaged in the battle on January 24 in the North Sea. He adds that it suffered a very heavy death toll.

### Canned Pork for German Army.

Amsterdam, via London, Feb. 2, 4:45 a. m.—The Berlin Tageblatt says that the German government intends to buy pigs to the value of \$50,000,000 to be killed and canned, in order to save foodstuffs for military and other purposes.

### TROLLEY TRAFFIC IS TIED UP AT BRANFORD

Car Almost Slid Into Long Island Sound—Crew Unhurt.

Branford, Conn., Feb. 2.—Branford without trolley service today owing to a broken ice storm. Late last night a severe ice storm near Branford, Conn., caused a general tie-up of all traffic.

Today a Branford bound car from New Haven, jumped the tracks near the Granite Bay hotel at Short Beach and slid on the rocks almost into the Long Island sound. There were only two passengers aboard and these were unhurt. The crew escaped unhurt. At high tide the water flooded the disabled car.

### Ree Remanded Without Bonds.

Winsted, Conn., Feb. 2.—Harry Ree, indicted with Isaac N. Williams, by the grand jury, for the murder of County Commissioner Hubert B. Case at Barkhamsted, last November, was arraigned in the superior court today on a bench warrant charging him with the crime. After brief proceedings he was remanded to the county jail at Litchfield without bonds, to await trial.

### Boston's Deficit \$70,000.

Boston, Feb. 2.—Mayor Curran claimed today that the deficit in the city's finances of \$70,000, as shown by the report for the past fiscal year, was due to delinquent taxpayers. Poor business and high interest rates have caused many of the large taxpayers to take the alternative of paying the city six per cent interest rather than settle their bills.

### Cabled Parana.

Australian—Egypt. London, Feb. 2, 3:50 a. m.—The second Australian cable arrived in Egypt and has joined the first contingent.

Irish Sea Free of German Submarines. London, Feb. 2, 3:50 a. m.—No activity on the part of German submarines in the Irish sea was reported yesterday. As a consequence, all cross-channel mail and passenger services will be resumed today.

### Bursting Mine Kills Two Sailors.

London, Feb. 2, 2:55 a. m.—A Stockholm despatch to the Morning Post says that while a party of sailors from a Swedish warship were attempting to destroy a floating mine near the entrance to Gothenburg harbor, it exploded. Two men were killed and nine injured.

### High Price of Bread in Rome.

Rome, Feb. 2, 12:35 p. m.—Demonstrations over the high price of bread continued at various places, especially in Sardinia. As Sassari, capital of the province of Sassari, Sardinia, rioters broke out into a bakershop. Troops were called out and dispersed the demonstrators.

### SCARCITY OF FOOD IN MEXICO CITY.

\$600,000 to Purchase Provisions to Be Sold at Cost to the Poor.

Mexico City, Feb. 2.—Severe fighting took place today in the suburb of Tacubaya. Chapultepec Castle and Xochimilco. The forces of Emilio Zapata everywhere were driven back with losses. Eleven officers and 73 men in the Zapata army are said to have been killed. The constitutionalist losses are reported to have been insignificant.

The scarcity of food in the capital has brought about an acute situation. The chamber of commerce has collected \$600,000, part of a fund of \$1,000,000 which the government has authorized to be sold at cost to the poor.

### VILLA MEN CAPTURED.

Vanguard of Villa Army is Marching On Tampico.

Washington, Feb. 2.—General Villa telegraphed the convention assembly tonight that General Tomas Urbina captured San Luis Potosi yesterday. The capture of the city and vicinity, Urbina's column, is said to be the vanguard of the Villa force marching on Tampico.

### NEW YORK STATE SHIP FOR BELGIAN RELIEF.

The Harpalyc, Capacity of 8,470 Tons, to Sail from New York.

New York, Feb. 2.—The commission for relief in Belgium announced today that it had arranged to have the steamship Harpalyc, capacity 8,470 tons, sail from the port of New York to Europe. The ship, which is owned by the New York State, is expected to be contributed by the state of New York.

### FOREIGN TRADE FOR JANUARY BREAKS RECORDS.

Netted Balance in Favor of the United States of \$131,133,888.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Foreign trade from Jan. 2 to Jan. 30, through 13 principal customs ports, which handle approximately 85 per cent of the nation's export and import business, netted a balance in favor of the United States of \$131,133,888, exceeding all records for any one month. Jan. 2 to 30, was \$28,574,096, or an average of \$952,436.53 per month. The imports were \$107,449,298, or an average of \$35,816,399 a week.

### OBITUARY.

Susan Locke Avery. Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 2.—Susan Locke Avery, writer, prominent suffragist and advocate of single tax, is dead at her home in Wyoming, near here, aged 97 years.

Prof. S. Henry Hadley. Boston, Feb. 2.—Professor S. Henry Hadley, musical director, composer, pianist and church organist, died following an operation. He was 70 years of age. Professor Hadley had conducted many choral recitals, including the famous peace jubilee held in this city in 1913.

### Wyoming Statewide Prohibition Bill Postponed.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Feb. 2.—The Wyoming senate today indefinitely postponed consideration of a statewide prohibition constitutional amendment.

### Prohibits Rebates on Cable Messages.

New York, Feb. 2.—The Central and South American Telegraph company issued the following announcement today: "The Argentine government has today issued a decree prohibiting rebates on all foreign and domestic cable messages to and from the Argentine republic. The prohibition of rebates also applies to all Argentine railways."

### Will of Prof. Andrew W. Phillips.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 2.—The will of Professor Andrew Wheeler Phillips, former dean of the Yale graduate school, was admitted to probate here today. The estate, valued at about \$50,000 and \$75,000, goes to his widow for her life and upon her death to his brother, Daniel Phillips, of Jewett City. Upon the latter's death, the estate goes to Yale university for the purpose of endowing a chair in mathematics.

### B. & M. Settles with Engineers.

Boston, Feb. 2.—Differences between the Boston & Maine railroad and its engineers which developed recently, signed eight months ago, have been adjusted. It was learned tonight. A general committee representing the engineers which made representations to the management during the past week, dispersed tonight, while a general committee representing the firemen convened to take up similar grievances.

### British Cruiser at Callao.

Callao, Peru, Feb. 2.—The British cruiser Percival arrived here today and is taking on provisions. The vessel will remain in port twenty-four hours.

## Asks Extradition of Bridge Dynamiter

WHO OPERATED ON CANADIAN SIDE OF MAINE BORDER.

### IS A GERMAN OFFICER

His Claim is That He is Has Only Committed an Act of War and Escaped—Canadians Think Differently—Another International Problem to Be Solved.

Vancouver, Maine, Feb. 2.—Another international problem incident to the war was thrust upon the United States today by the action of Werner Van Horn, who, operating on the Canadian side of the border, dynamited the railway bridge over the St. Croix river and then escaped into this state.

### Submitted Quietly to Arrest.

A few hours later in a room at a hotel here Van Horn quietly submitted to arrest, but immediately proclaimed himself an officer of the German army and set up the claim that he had committed an act of war and, having fled to a neutral country, could not be legally surrendered to an enemy of the fatherland.

### Extradition Proceedings Instituted.

The Canadian authorities took a different view of the matter and at once instituted proceedings to obtain the extradition of the prisoner on a charge of destruction of railroad property. Pending the outcome of the extradition proceedings, the Canadian immigration office here in custody of Deputy Sheriff George W. Ross of Washington county.

### Bridge Nearly Destroyed.

The bridge which Van Horn sought to destroy was not greatly damaged. Within a few hours cars were shut across one at a time, the passengers waiting over an hour. By morning, railroad officials said, the bridge would be strong enough for trains to use it without uncoupling.

### Boundary Line of Maine.

Over the St. Croix river for some distance forms the boundary between Maine and New Brunswick. The bridge is owned jointly by the Maine Central and Canadian Pacific railways and is on the direct route of the Canadian Pacific from western Canada to the maritime provinces.

Rebels and have been shipped large quantities of war materials for the allies, which were placed on board ship at St. John and Halifax.

According to the Canadian press, a man of middle age and military bearing, told them that he left Germany four years ago and for the past four years has been in the service of the German army in Mexico. Recently he made unsuccessful attempts to return to his native land.

### Dynamite in Satchel.

Friday night he left New York city, arriving here Saturday night, and taking up at a hotel. That same night he was known to him personally by the name of the bridge. The man gave him a satchel containing dynamite. Van Horn suspended the satchel from the inside of his coat and carried it about 2 o'clock this morning, and discharged the explosive.

### Planned to Drive 30 Miles Away.

This done, he planned to go to Lambert, Mo., from which point he intended to cross the Canadian border. The night was intensely cold and he suffered so much that he decided to drive about 20 miles to the police found him in bed at 7 o'clock this morning. At the request of the Canadian authorities he was taken into custody.

### Attempt Well Timed.

The attempt on the bridge by Van Horn was well timed. Up to a few days ago it was constantly rumored that the watchmen were withdrawn. A suggestion that Van Horn was aware of this and that he was waiting for the attention of the Canadian border officers. When Van Horn was taken into custody, he was found upon him a satchel containing dynamite. He has steadfastly refused to make any explanation on this point and has insisted that he was a German soldier and that the dynamite was for the men who supplied the identity of the police are searching for this man, but had found no trace of him tonight.

### APPLICATION FOR THE EXTRADITION OF VAN HORN

Will be Presented to the State Department Today.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Application for the extradition of Van Horn reached the British embassy here late tonight and probably will be presented to the state department by the ambassador tomorrow. Officials at both the embassy and the department declined to discuss the case, sending formal presentation of the application.

Secretary Bryan said that he heard nothing about the case and, of course, would not have anything to say until it was made official.

There was much conjecture in official circles on the probability that Van Horn would set up a claim from the ground that his offense was political, not criminal. It was said, however, that even if such a claim were recognized, the Canadian government would be prosecuted under the neutrality laws of the United States.

### Four-Masted Schooner in Distress.

New York, Feb. 2.—The four-masted schooner which was reported in distress today off the Montauk light-saving station, on the New Jersey coast, ceased to drag her anchors shoreward tonight. The vessel was reported to be in no immediate danger since the drifting had been terminated.

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## Worst Storm of the Winter

RAIN, SLEET, SNOW AND WIND CONTRIBUTING.

### TRAFFIC WAS HELD UP

In Some Sections of the Northern Tier of States Several Feet of Snow Has Fallen—Telephone and Telegraph Wires Carried Down by the Sleet and Ice.

One of the worst storms of the winter is general from the middle west to the Atlantic states. New England and throughout Canada, rain, sleet, snow and wind have contributed their quota to the disrupting of railway lines, the halting of wire communication and, in some sections, to the raising of reservoirs to the flood point with considerable damage.

### The weather bureau, however, holds out hope of speedy relief in the prediction that the storm probably would move off the New England coast Wednesday into the Atlantic, leaving generally fair weather in its wake.

### Heavy Snowstorms.

There have been heavy snowstorms in the northern tier of states, from east to west, in some sections several feet of snow having fallen. As a result railway traffic either has been almost suspended or greatly retarded. As an example, a Chicago and Northwestern train filled with passengers was held in a huge bank of snow near Maribel, Wis., from 10 o'clock Sunday night until Tuesday afternoon. No train reached Green Bay, Wis., over the Northwestern line for a period of fourteen hours. West of Maribel, Kansas, and Southern Nebraska report that a heavy snowstorm has set in.

### Wires Carried Down.

In the middle west many telephone and telegraph lines have been carried down by the sleet and ice and a fall in temperature is causing additional trouble. The increased cold has contracted the wires and caused them to break. Large numbers are breaking as a result. Wire communication from Chicago to many points is difficult for the time being.

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### New England Hard Hit.

Northern and western New York and New England have been hard hit by a snowstorm which almost reached the proportions of a blizzard. Traffic of all kinds has been seriously hampered by the storm. The electric lines being the greatest sufferers from blockades. Ogdensburg, N. Y., reports that business there has been almost entirely suspended as a result of the storm. The street cleaning department has been set to work to clear the streets of snow and ice from the streets.

### Washouts at Seabright.

Seabright, N. J., again suffered considerably from high seas which caused destructive washouts at several points. The storm was so severe that the water level had been so undermined that they probably will go to pieces.

### SIX DEATHS CAUSED BY STORM AT NEW YORK.

Two of the Fatalities Due to Exposure to Storm.

New York, Feb. 2.—Six deaths were caused, directly or indirectly, by the storm of rain, snow and sleet which swept this city and vicinity last night and today. The deaths occurred as follows:

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Dr. Robert Shoemaker Dana, reputed to be the last Union soldier to leave the battlefield of Gettysburg, died at his home at Morrisville, Pa. He was born at Circleville, Ohio, 32 years ago.

While skating on Cove Pond, Stamford, Conn., Wilson Hendrick, William Ashtie, prison turn at Leasburg, Cumberland county.

### Police of New Jersey cities have been asked to be on the lookout for three convicts who escaped from the state prison turn at Leasburg, Cumberland county.

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Tessie Redmond, of Yonkers, recaptured \$150 for a scratch on her nose, when she settled her claim against the New York Central for injury in a collision of trains in the Grand Central tunnel last Wednesday.

### The London "Globe" in an editorial denounces the captain of the German cruiser Bluecher as a pirate, because of the death of women and children at Scarborough. The Bluecher was sunk in the North Sea January 24.

John McSweeney of Lynn, was found guilty of manslaughter in causing the death of M. C. McGarry at Lynn, on October 28, 1914. McGarry sustained a broken neck as the result of being pushed down a flight of stairs at McSweeney's house.

Frederick L. Green and George W. Miller, former employees at the Boston morgue, were found guilty of conspiracy in trying to discredit Dr. B. McGrath, a medical, a medical examiner, and candidate for re-appointment, by a jury today.

While attempting to stop a sleigh in which two men were trying to cross in front of a fast train near Beaver Falls, Pa., Lorette Gentile, a crossing watchman, was struck and killed by the train, which also killed the two men in the sleigh.

### Princess Maria Pia Dead.

St. Gall, Switz., Feb. 2.—Feb. 2, 11:50 p. m.—Princess Maria Pia, daughter of the Duke of Parma and sister-in-law of the Archduke Charles Francis, the Austrian heir-apparent, died today.

## Condensed Telegrams

The Italian Government suspended duty on wheat, cereals and flour. A blizzard swept through Wisconsin, paralyzing traffic of all kinds. Women of voters of Chicago must tell their ages when they register. A group of grain elevators in Rosario, Argentina, were destroyed by fire. New Zealand will purchase 1,000,000 bushels of Canadian wheat for delivery in July.

## Still Parleying on the Ship Bill

REVOLTING DEMOCRATS FIRM ON STAND TAKEN.

### WANT IT RECOMMENDED

Democratic Senate Leaders are Negotiating With the Realists and Republicans in an Effort to Reach an Agreement—President Wilson Confers With Republicans.

### Washington, Feb. 2.—Extraordinary efforts were exerted by administration leaders of the senate to save the government ship purchase bill from threatened defeat or consignment to a pigeonhole for this session of congress.

### Democratic Majority Struggling.

Up to a late hour tonight the democratic majority still struggling over the ship purchase bill, but tentative plans of procedure had been formulated.

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### NURSE SAYS HE KILLED SUPERANNATED ODD FELLOWS

In Order's Home at Yonkers—Declares They Were of No More Use.

New York, Feb. 2.—Fred Mors, who said he was a former nurse in the Odd Fellows' home in Yonkers, near here, today told the police a puzzle to solve today by walking into the district attorney's office and announcing that he had killed eight superannuated odd fellows in the home where they were "of no more use in the world." He had used poison to do away with some and anesthetics to kill others. Mors was committed to Bellevue hospital for examination into his sanity. Meanwhile the Yonkers authorities were notified of his story.

### It was learned that eight aged patients had died in the Yonkers institution while Mors was employed there, but Dr. E. M. Justice, the house surgeon at the home, declared that all had died from natural causes. Investigation, however, will be made by coroner Dunn and Chief of Police Wolf, although each declared that he placed little credence in Mors' story.

### BURSTING WATER MAIN MAKES WORK FOR NEW YORK POLICE.

Reserves Called Out to Handle Crowds at 42d Street and Eighth Avenue.

New York, Feb. 2.—The bursting of a big water main at 42d street and eighth avenue, just after the theatres closed tonight, caused the closing of a large section on both thoroughfares and the calling out of police reserves to handle the crowds. For a